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LATE ITEM

Soviet Union

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Luna 9 made
a successful soft landing on the moon
near the Sea of Storms this afternoon

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The Soviets would
almost certainly wish to measure lunar
temperatures and surface conditions as
well.

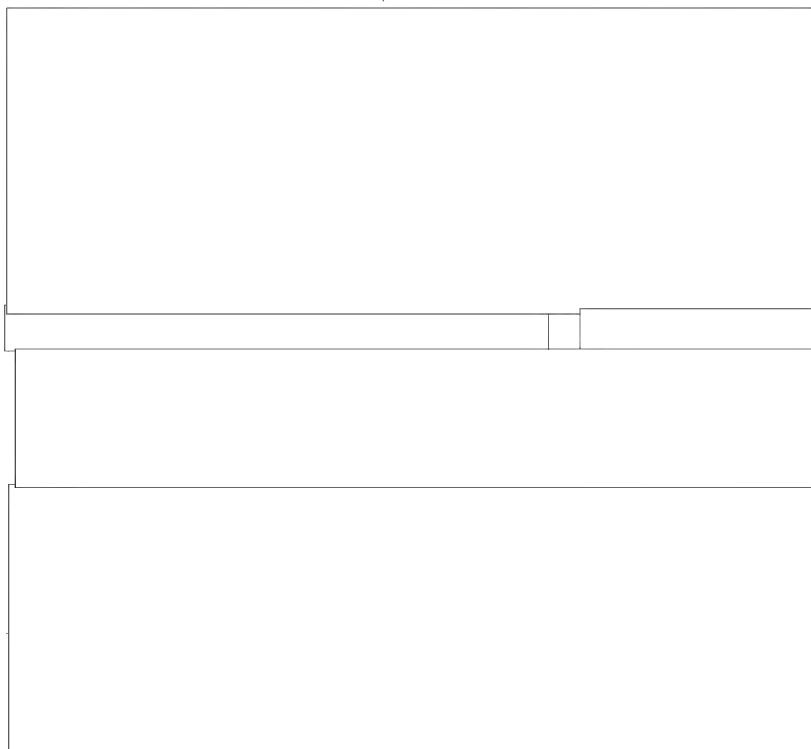
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The first US attempt at a soft
landing is scheduled later this year.

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1. North Vietnam



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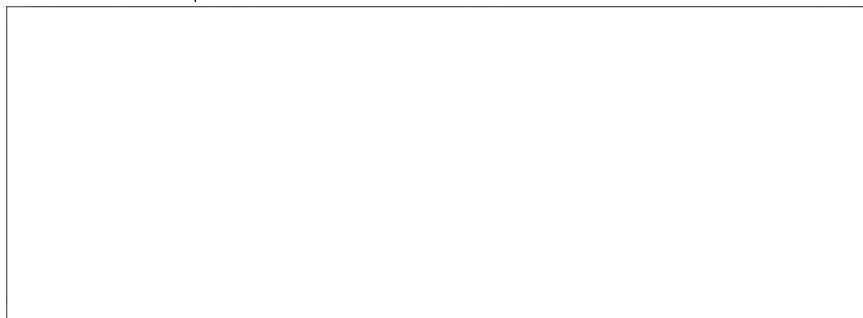
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2. South Vietnam

Retail prices in Saigon, which rose as usual during the Tet holiday, jumped further last week instead of moving back down. The index prepared by the Agency for International Development showed retail prices on 24 January up 18 percent over the previous month.

The embassy notes that rice deliveries from the delta are not improving and that the January deliveries were probably the lowest since 1958.

3. Communist China



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5. Indonesia

Sukarno has been making some headway in his efforts to exploit divisions and rivalries within the armed forces and between the army and its civilian supporters. His principal antagonists, Generals Nasution and Sukarto, seem now to regard the maintenance of law and order as their central occupation.

The two generals continue to hang back from a direct confrontation with Sukarno, evidently because they are unsure of the loyalty of the key regional commanders. Sukarno, for his part, does not have a firm and unquestioned hold on enough armed strength for an outright military challenge to the generals.

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6. France

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7. France

An official at the Quai d'Orsay confides that De Gaulle will be leaving for his state visit to the Soviet Union on 20 June. Sometime prior to his visit, the French will be trying to work out more concrete arrangements on such matters as the joint use of Soviet communications satellites.

8. Great Britain

There is a good chance that Wilson will call a general election in late March or April

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A decision may be postponed until after Wilson's Moscow trip late this month.

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9. Dominican Republic

Defense Minister Rivera Caminero has laid down a series of conditions for his departure from the country. Most of the defense minister's conditions may prove acceptable to Garcia Godoy.

One possible sticking point may be the demand that the ex-rebel military camp on the outskirts of Santo Domingo be disbanded. It is not, however, known how intransigent Rivera will be on this point.

It also remains to be seen whether hard-line elements in the military will accept his departure or whether the clamorous left will be satisfied with the sacking of only one of the military chiefs.

10. Costa Rica

Costa Ricans vote Sunday on a successor to moderate President Orlich who cannot by law succeed himself. By backing Oduber, a leader of the ruling party's liberal wing, Orlich is bucking a tradition that no candidate from a ruling party has won since the 1948 revolution. The vote will be close, but the outcome is not expected to affect US interests seriously.

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